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It's Great To Be A Christian #3.

Quality
above
Quantity.

II Peter 1:4-3. Life + godliness.

Int. Is it ~~is~~ greater to BE a Christian;
than NOT to be one - then why ^{NOT} be one?

idea: Go for the best! Be the greatest. Get all you can!
Take ^{NO} less than the very best.

If you can find any style of life better
than a ~~flawed~~ Christian, life then
BUY IT! Trade now!
Grab it before it gets away. **Tell me!**

WHY NOT? Cannot! None greater.

✓ Remove the divine element, but keep the ^{spirit} laws - beat all "comers."

Ques: "For 2,000 yrs. Jesus Christ has been the O.N.E.
CENTRAL person of all human history."
Listen to Him!!

Ques: "The Name of Jesus is the Great Lever that
can lift the whole world!" no equal.

St. Augustine: "Jesus Christ is not valued at
all unless He is valued ABOVE
all!"

* Worship!! **Meaningful.**

Great
rich
strong
clever
brave
kind
wise
loving
letting.

I Text says: Christians have all things necessary: to get to Heaven!
 : to live clean in dirty world!
 : to live above sin thru Christ.
 : to win for God in this world.
 : to succeed when most fail.

2. Divine power: makes it possible for ordinary, weak human beings to be champions in the Spirit!
 3. Knowledge of Jesus is part of that power to attain life and godliness.

Need Spr. fixation. Habits. I Cor. 15:58.

II Needed: 27 scriptures to explain "LIFE". 12 more to explain "GODLINESS".

Instead will use only 3 to explain Godliness and only 3 to fully explain Life - two reasons it is so great to be a Christian ??

III God gives us godliness + life!
 Life is that Spr. vigor + animation!
 Godliness is that conduct necessary to preserve our eternal life.

Vs. 3:

This is: God's unmistakable assurance that our NEEDS will be met.

7. God gives us Godliness! (Piety + Reverence.)

1. Defined: a spirit + behavior so in love with God that it will do anything to avoid offending God.

Ill. Richard Justice. 7/31/85. Mother died 1979. when fell ill family slowly dropped out of duty to church. Richard never did. Could not risk offending a dying mother!

Ill. Me! Street kid. Saw plenty. Many open doors. Feared to enter - hurt my hard-working widowed mother. My allegiance to HER far greater than to God - at first. Shifted later.

Ill. B.S. "Loved my ^{BS} teacher ~~man~~ - Learned to love her book. Finally her Savior." Human Exist. Bridge Vital.

2. Define "Godliness" by association.

(1. I Tim. 2:1-4 ^{Prayer +} Q-P-R.

(2. I Tim. 6:1-6. Wholesome words.

(3. II Pet. 1:5-11. all good cousins.

B. Jesus gives us life. Spr. vigor. ^{strong belief!}

(1. I John 5:10-13. something we can know.

(2. John 17:3. Life is Spr. Family ties with the Father & the Son.

(3. John 3:16-17. Gal. 3:26-29. "In" group.

(4. John 3:3+5. II Cor. 5:17. Belong!

Stop here! (5. Gal. 6:7-10. Law to Spirit, reap Spirit's reward - Life Forever.

Now. Want it like it is?

New going to Heaven. Matt. 20:16. 22:14.

not easy! Tough road. Matt. 7:13-14.

You can make it! Matt. 7:24-29.

J. Amato Buckley
LIFE AND GODLINESS

INT. *II Pet. 1:1-3.

If it is GREATER to be a Chr. than NOT to be one why doesn't EVERYONE become one? Ignorance!

CHR. LIFE: Going for the best. Being Greatest.
Go to the TOP.

CHALLENGE: If anyone can find a LIFE-STYLE superior to the Chr. life--Grab it. Tell me!

CHALLENGE: Remove the DIVINE element, but keep the precepts faithfully. Beat all else again.

QUESTION: ANYBODY ELSE AGREE WITH YOU?

ANON: "For 2,000 yrs. Jesus Christ has been the ONE CENTRAL person of all human history."

ANON: "The NAME of Jesus is the Great Lever that CAN lift the whole-world." No equal!

ST. AUGUSTINE: "Jesus Christ is NOT valued at all unless He is valued ABOVE all."

I. TEXT SAYS: Christians have all things necessary TO get to Heaven. TO live clean in dr world TO live above sin thru Christ. Win for God TO succeed in life when most others failing

SAYS: There is Divine Power: which makes it possible for ordinary, weak human beings to be **CHAMPION** in the Spirit.

Spr. fixation. Deep Spr. ruts. Str.habits.

SAYS: Knowledge of Jesus and from Him permits Christians to attain to life & godliness.

NOTE! N.T. uses 27 scriptures to explain LIFE.
N.T. uses 12 scriptures to explain GODLINESS

WE: Will use 3 on Godliness; 5 exp. LIFE.
In these is secret why IT'S GREAT TO BE A CHR.!!!

II. CHRIST GIVES US GODLINESS. (Piety. Reverence.)

A. Defined: "a spirit & behavior, so in love with God that it will DO ANYTHING to AVOID offending God."

III. RICHARD JESTICE(7-31-85) Family reg.
in ch. life. Cancer killed mother.
Rest of family slowly dropped by way side.
Richard couldn't! COULDN'T OFFEND MOTHER!!!!

ILL. Little girl about Sunday School.
First, learned to love my teacher. Then: Book.
Finally, learned to love Teacher's Savior.
WE: are human bridges for little ones to God.

B. H.S. DEFINED "GODLINESS" BY ASSOCIATION.

1. I TIM. 2:1-4. Prayer, Q & P life, Honor.
2. I TIM. 6:1-6. Salt and wholesome behavior.
3. II PET. 1:5-11. Wonderful family-cousins.

III. JESUS GIVES US "LIFE". Spr. vigor. Strength.

1. I JOHN 5:10-13. Something we can KNOW !!!
2. JOHN 17:3. Life with Spr. ties to DIVINITY.
3. JOHN 3:16. Puts us in the IN group. Gal. 3:26-29.
4. JOHN 3:3-5. NEW LIFE! BEST LIFE. II COR. 5:17.
5. GAL. 6:7-10. Sow to the Spirit and reap Spirit's reward: Forever-life with God.

INV: TODAY'S CRY: TELL IT LIKE IT IS! Sure???

1. FEW souls going to Heaven! *Matt. 20:16, 22:14.
2. NOT EASY ROAD. *Matt. 7:13-14. Few again.
3. YOU CAN MAKE IT! *Matt. 7:24-29.

a way
one way
the way! WHAT HAVE YOU BUILT FOR A LIFE?

SAND FOUNDATION?

LIFE SETTING FIRMLY ON A ROCK-CHRIST!!!

Minneapolis 10/20/86. P.M.